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10/2 Downtown Art & Wine Fair
10/10 SIU Saluki Football - Homecoming
12/5 Lights Fantastic Parade

University Museum & Museum Store

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www.museum.siu.edu • 618 453 5388

Carlinville carlinvillechamber.com

10/10-11 Broom Orchard Pumpkin Festival
12/4-6 Annual Christmas Market
12/4-6 Macoupin County Historial Society Christmas Show

Angus Bailey's

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10/31 Fall Festival and Halloween Parade
12/1-31 Festival of Lights
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12/4 Parade of Lights
12/12 WDWS/News-Gazette Shootout at the Hall

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Chicago www.explorechicago.org

Through May 31 Cosmic Collisions – Adler Planetarium
9/26-4/11 National Geographic Crittercam: The World Through Animal Eyes – Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
10/10-4/12 Abraham Lincoln Transformed – Chicago History Museu
10/23-3/28 The Nature of Diamonds - Field Museum
11/7-1/31 Apostles of Beauty: Arts and Crafts from Britain to Chicago – Art Institute of Chicago
2/1-28 Free February at the Art Institute of Chicago

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10/17-18 Kickapoo Karvers Wood Carving show
11/14-18 Festival of Trees
3/16-20 NJCAA National Junior College Basketball Tourn.

Red Mask Players Community Theater Group
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10/17 Demolition Derby
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12/6 Christmas Parade
12/5 Breakfast with Santa

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Effingham
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11/26-12/25 Wonderland in Lights
2/13-14 Children's Art Show
3/18-21 John Deere Two-Cylinder Tractor Show

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Galesburg
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10/3-4 Galesburg Scarecrow Festival
10/3-4, 10-11 Knox County Scenic Drive
11/27-29 Christmas Begins at Walnut Grove Farm

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10/4 Grove Folk Fest
11/5 Old Fashioned Holiday Craft Faire
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Café Lucci

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Homewood homesweethomewood.com

12/4 Homewood Lights in Hollywood
12/31 New Years Eve Day Celebration
2/21 Chocolate Fest

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11/23-25 Festival of Trees
11/27 Light up the Holidays Parade & Festival
12/5 Festival of Gnomes

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10/10, 17, 24 & 30 Haunted Corn Maize
11/28-29 AKC Dog Show
12/13 Jingle Bell Run & Walk for Arthritis

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10/31 Halloween Walk
12/5 Christmas Walk

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10/29 Halloween FunFest
11/14-15 Holiday Open House
11/28 Pride of the Prairie Folk Art & Craft Show

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12/4-5 Festival of Trees
1/31-2/2 Ag Mech Show

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Mattoon mattoonillinois.org

10/17 Eastern Illinois Homecoming
11/20-12/27 Mattoon Lightworks - Peterson Park.
12/4 Celebrate Midtown Mattoon — Christmas celebration

Douglas-Hart Nature Center

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Mendota mendotachamber.com

10/17 Heritage Dinner
12/13 Christmas at the Museums

Hume-Carnegie Museum

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Moline visitquadcities.com

3/16 Disney Live on Ice
11/21 Quad City Arts & Quad City Symphony Holiday Pops Concert & Lighting on the John Deere Commons
12/6 Holiday Open House Deere Mansions

John Deere Pavilion

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Naperville visitnaperville.com

10/23-24 All Hallows Eve-A 19th Century Halloween
11/27 Hometown Holidays Kickoff
12/12-13 Sweet Holidays

Naper Settlement

Living history museum tells the story of daily life in Naperville from simple frontier outpost to bustling turn-of-the-century community.
630-420-6010 • www.napersettlement.museum

Normal/ Bloomington *bloomingtonnormalcvb.org*

11/16-17 Illinois State University Homecoming
12/4-5 Once Upon a Holiday Live Window Vignettes
3/6, 13, 20, 21, 27 American Passion Play

Upper Limits

Indoor Rock Climbing Gym.
1304 W. Washington St. • (309) 829-TALL • www.upperlimits.com

Peoria *peoria.org*

10/2-3 Rib Fest & Chili Cook Off
10/16-18 & 23-25 Wildlife Scary Park
11/27 Santa Parade / Yule like Peoria

Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences

Exhibition galleries, Planetarium, Illinois Folk Art Gallery, Discovery Center, collections of fine arts, folk arts and natural history, educational programming.
www.lakeview-museum.org

Plano *cityofplanoil.com*

Farnsworth House

1951 Mies van der Rohe designed house, 20th century modern architecture.
14520 River Road • 630-552-0052 • www.farnsworthhouse.org

Pontiac *pontiac.org*

10/16-17 Chocolate Fall Fantasy
11/13-15 Jolly Trolley Holiday Open House
12/31 First Night Celebration

Old City Hall Shops

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321 N Main St • 815-842-1343 • www.oldcityhallshoppes.blogspot.com

Princeton *princeton-il.com*

11/21-22 Christmas Open House
11/6-12/23 Festival 56

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10/3-4 Autumn at the Arboretum
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3/6-7 Sock Monkey Madness Festival

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South Beloit visitbeloit.com

11/30-12/31 Hometown Festival of Lights
12/5-6 Christmas Walk
3/14-15 Ro-Ro Expo

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Springfield visit-springfieldillinois.com

11/21-29 Memorial's Festival of Trees
12/2, 3, 9, 16, 23 Old Capitol Holiday Walk
1/15-16 Midwest Elvis Presley Competition

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